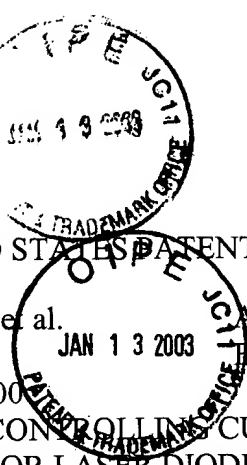


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Applicant : John C. Connolly et al.
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18 #/Ext of Time (1mth)

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 11, 2002, be extended for one month to and including January 13/2003, as January 11, 2003 fell on a Saturday.

1/22/03

Enclosed is a check for \$110 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Respectfully submitted,

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